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GRANT HELPS PREPARE STUDENTS FOR WORK WITH THE AGED

MISSOULA—

The University of Montana School of Social Work has received a three-year, \$75,000 grant from the John A. Hartford Foundation that will help train students to care for the nation's rapidly increasing older population.

The Practicum Partnership Program grant will be administered through the New York Academy of Medicine. It will provide UM students opportunities to collaborate with community leaders and local agencies that specialize in the field of aging services.

The grant was written by UM Adjunct Assistant Professor Tondy Baumgartner and Professor Cindy Garthwait with assistance from Patsy Clark, a student in the University's School of Social Work master's degree program.

"This grant will create a structure to train competent geriatric social workers to address the needs of the elderly population in Montana," Baumgartner said. "We are honored to be included in the program."

For more information about the John A. Hartford Foundation, visit <http://www.jhartfound.org>.

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